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Amendments to the claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

Claims 1 and 2 (cancelled).

3 (new): A method for determining gastric emptying comprising

- determining  $^{13}\text{CO}_2$  content in exhaled respiratory air of a patient, followed by
  - orally administering to the patient free  $^{13}\text{C}$ -octanoic acid together with a standardized test meal, wherein the free  $^{13}\text{C}$ -octanoic acid is in a form bound to egg yolk, followed by
  - determining  $^{13}\text{CO}_2$  content in exhaled respiratory air of the patient,
- wherein body-related conversion factors are dispensed with.

4 (new): The method according to claim 3, characterized in that the test meal comprises a fried egg, into which fried egg the free  $^{13}\text{C}$ -octanoic acid is stirred, a slice of toasting bread, 5 to 10 g of margarine or butter, and 150 ml of water or coffee.

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5 (new): The method according to claim 3, characterized in that  $^{13}\text{C}$ -octanoic acid is administered in an amount of about 40 mg to 100 mg.